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4 i. a first catalyst adapted to be fed with engine exhaust gas  
and effective to promote oxidation of HC therein;

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5 ii. a second catalyst adapted to be fed with the product of i  
6 and effective to promote oxidation of NO to NO<sub>2</sub>;

7 iii. a filter effective to collect soot and to retain it until  
8 combusted by said NO<sub>2</sub> and any O<sub>2</sub> left over after catalyst i and ii.

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9 6. (Amended) Process according to claim 1, wherein the  
HC is in gaseous form.

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11 8. (Amended) Process according to claim 6 in which the  
12 gas leaving step/catalyst i undergoes cooling and then enters step/catalyst ii.

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14 9. (Amended) Process according to claim 6, further  
15 comprising providing an increased amount of combustible upstream of a first  
16 catalyst for effecting step i for increasing the temperature at which step i  
17 operates.

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19 11. (Amended) Process according to claim 6 in which a first  
20 catalyst for effecting step i has a very low light-off temperature for HC and  
21 CO oxidation.

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23 12. (Amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein the  
24 HC is absorbed on the soot.

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26 13. (Amended) Process according to claim 1 further  
27 comprising removing NO<sub>x</sub> downstream of soot combustion.

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29 14. (Amended) Process according to claim 13 wherein  
30 removing NO<sub>x</sub> uses a regenerable NO<sub>x</sub> absorber downstream of the  
31 collecting trap.

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33 16. (Amended) System for treating internal combustion  
34 engine gas containing O<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, unburnt hydrocarbon ("HC"), CO and soot,  
35 comprising:

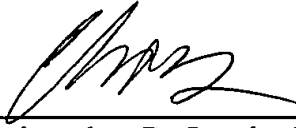
- 4 i. a first catalyst to receive engine exhaust and effective to  
5 promote oxidation of HC therein;  
6 B1  
7 ii. a second catalyst receiving the product of the first  
8 catalyst and effective to promote oxidation of NO to  
9 NO<sub>2</sub>; and  
10 iii. a filter effective to collect soot and to retain it until  
11 combusted by reaction with said NO<sub>2</sub> and, depending on  
conditions, any O<sub>2</sub> left over after the first catalyst.

19. (Amended) A diesel engine in combination with a  
system according to claim 16 connected to its exhaust.

Please add the following new claim:

25. (Newly Added) Process according to claim 1 wherein  
step i further comprises oxidising some NO to NO<sub>2</sub>.

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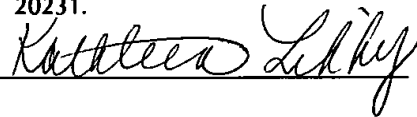
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